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In re application of

Jean DESJARDINS et al. Conf. 1640

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INSTALLATION FOR FILLING AEROSOL RECEP'TACLES

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181 TO WITHDRAW
THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181 is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Recently, the undersigned attorney received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) a Notice of Abandonment dated September 23, 2005, in the above-identified application. The Notice indicated that the application had been abandoned since allegedly no corrected drawings had been received.

Section 503 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) clearly states that a postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the papers which are being filed serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the United States Patent and

Trademark Office of all the items listed thereon, on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO.

A careful review of the accompanying postcard receipt (Exhibit A), which contains all the necessary identifying data, including applicants' names, serial number and group art unit, will reveal that on July 11, 2005, applicants filed a Submission of Formal Replacement Drawings, with three sheets of drawings.

Since the postcard receipt bears the USPTO OIPE stamp of July 11, 2005, it is respectfully requested that the holding of **abandonment be withdrawn**, and that the application be expeditiously forwarded to the Publishing Division for publishing into a U.S. patent.

A copy of the Submission of Formal Drawings, which was filed on July 11, 2005, and which was apparently misplaced by the USPTO, also accompanies this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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